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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to make certain faculty information available to the public on the institution's Internet website.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9745 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9745. INTERNET ACCESS TO FACULTY INFORMATION. (a)

Each institution of higher education, other than a medical and dental unit, as defined by Section 61.003, shall make available to the public on the institution's Internet website the following information for the institution:

(1) the student/faculty ratio;

(2) the percentage of all full-time equivalent faculty members with teaching responsibility who are tenured or tenure track;

(3) the percentage of semester credit hours taken by students classified as freshmen or sophomores that are taught by tenured and tenure track faculty members;

(4) the number of faculty members in each of the following faculty ranks, including a breakdown for each rank showing the numbers of faculty members by race, ethnicity, and gender:

(A) professor;

- 1 (B) associate professor;
- 2 (C) assistant professor;
- 3 (D) instructor;
- 4 (E) nontenured or nontenure track; and
- 5 (F) teaching assistant;
- 6 (5) average faculty salaries by rank;
- 7 (6) the amount of money appropriated by the
8 legislature per full-time equivalent faculty member and full-time
9 equivalent student;
- 10 (7) the total revenue the institution spent per
11 full-time equivalent faculty member and full-time equivalent
12 student;
- 13 (8) the amount of federal and private research
14 expenditures per tenured or tenure track full-time equivalent
15 faculty member;
- 16 (9) the number and percentage of faculty members
17 holding extramural research grants;
- 18 (10) the number and names of awards to faculty members
19 from nationally recognized entities, including those identified by
20 The Center for Measuring University Performance; and
- 21 (11) the number of endowed professorships or chairs.
- 22 (b) Each institution of higher education shall update the
23 information required by Subsection (a) for the preceding academic
24 or fiscal year, as applicable, not later than December 31 of each
25 year.
- 26 (c) The administrator designated by an institution of
27 higher education under Section 51.974 shall be responsible for

1 ensuring implementation of this section. The administrator may
2 assign duties under this section to one or more administrative
3 employees.

4 (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt
5 rules necessary to administer this section, including rules to
6 ensure the consistency of information made available by
7 institutions of higher education under this section.

8 SECTION 2. Section 51.9745, Education Code, as added by
9 this Act, applies beginning with the 2012 fall semester.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.